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1. It is believed that Papalazarev and Evangelos Agiannis (alias Otse), formerly members of the Central Committee of the Yugoslav-controlled NOF of the Aegean (NAK - National Aegean Office), escaped from prison in Bitolj on or about 15 March 49, and were now believed to be in Greece. These men were arrested on 20 February 1949 in Bitolj as supporters of Paschalis Metropoulos, former secretary of NOF of the Aegean, who escaped to Greece on that date. An inquiry into the circumstances of their disappearance revealed that five Macedonian soldiers of the 2 Proletarian Division of the Yugoslav Army had gone to the prison claiming to have been sent as an escort to take Papalazarev and Agiannis to Skoplje. The guards handed the prisoners over, but neither the latter nor their "escort" were seen again.
2. It had been decided by the Yugoslav authorities that all NAK troops be drafted into the Yugoslav Army proper. In order to implement this decision, a section of the Bitolj recruiting battalion had been sent to the villages of Velusion and Bukovo, where the remainder of the NAK troops was concentrated.
3. It had also been decided by the Central Committee of NAK that all Slavo-Macedonian refugees in Yugoslav Macedonia be instructed to join the local Macedonian Communist Party organizations in the areas where they were living.
4. It was planned to hold a Slavo-Macedonian Congress at Frilep about the end of April 1949, at which the leaders of the KKE-controlled NOF would be denounced as traitors to the Macedonian people.

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